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## Nasu Offers Consultation To Members

By Phyllis Huggins
Special to Computerworld

CANOGA PARK, Calif. — Nasu, the Independent Users Organization for System/3 Users, has moved ahead with an innovative program for a problem/solution data bank.

Irwin Cohan, president of the group, said it is setting up a seven man consulting team to answer problems sent in by users.

All seven consultants are highly qualified and in effect will give each user the benefit of his own consultant, he said. Some of the consultants are Ph.D.'s and a few are former members of the System/3 design team who have now set up their own businesses.

Cohan believes this is the first time any users group has offered this type of service to its members.

Solutions to problems will be published in Nasu's monthly newsletter. At the same time, the problem/solution will be coded and stored in a data bank so there will be no danger of "reinventing the wheel."

"Instead of just building a library of programs and applications, we are also building a library of problem solutions," said Cohan.

**Cuts Duplication** 

By Behdan O. Szuprewicz

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WELLINGTON, New Zea-

land - The Databanks Systems

Ltd. of New Zealand is not only

the largest computer utility network in all of Australasia. It is

also something of a nationwide monopoly speeding interbank transactions for the country's

Databanks Systems is owned

by the banks themselves, is sanctioned by the government, and is

aggressively pursuing non-bank-

Taking advantage of consider-

able excess computing capacity

five trading banks.

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LOSER? Believe it or not this young lady didn't measure up in a computerized girl-watchers contest. Story on Page 4.

**New Zealand Banks Use Utility** 

center. In all there are six com-

puter centers covering the

and are linked with a 0 and 30 at the Wellington

# Secret Report Sparks Row: Who Will Control Police Data Banks?

By Joseph Hanlon

CW Staff Writer
WASHINGTON, D.C. — A still
secret government report has
touched off a bitter fight within
the government on control and
regulation of computerized
police information systems.

Federal aid of nearly \$30 million has resulted in a boom in the development of such computer systems, according to the report, and by next year all but three or four states will have systems.

Some state systems will contain data only on wanted persons, but others will contain intelligence information, and some will add criminal histories (rap sheets) of everyone in the state who has ever been arrested. Most systems will be tied together into a national network

The new systems represent a serious threat to individual privacy and require "stingent" new controls, according to the confidential report by the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA). Controls must include strong federal laws, the report declares.

Police departments and the FBI now have a free hand to collect and exchange data. They believe their own internal rules provide sufficient control, and have launched a strong fight against the outside control representation.

The company is easily IBM's

largest single customer and com-

petitor because IBM also pro-

vides computer services throughout New Zealand. Yet when (Continued on Page 2) sented by a new law

Other government agencies, including the Secret Service and the Internal Revenue Service, are fighting the LEAA proposal because they fear such a law might lead to other laws regulating their operations.

LEAA's original proposals for strong legislation were "substantially whittled down by the top levels of the Justice Department," according to a government source.

The proposed regulation contained in the LEAA report is so weak as to be virtually meaningless. Only one safeguard of individual privacy remains: a person would have the right to see his own rap sheet (but not intelligence data about him).

But law enforcement officials get two benefits: the attorney

general would have the right to disseminate rap sheets and intelligence outside the law enforcement system, and the law would prohibit penalties for the misuse of rap sheets.

of rap sheets.

Yet the proposed law is still too strong for some government officials, who have kept the report bottled up despite the fact that it was required by law to be released May 1.

#### 'Urgent Need' for Systems

The \$30 million federal funding for the new computer systems has been distributed by LEAA, and the report notes the "criminal justice system has an urgent need for computerized information and intelligence systems."

Intelligence systems can be ex-

# 360/20 Users to Get Another Alternative

By Michael Merritt CW Staff Writer

WALTHAM, Mass. – 360/20 users thinking of upgrading to System/3 have a good alternative in Honeywell's newly announced Model 105. The \$1,700/mo system even boasts a bundled software package to translate the 20's RPG programs to Honeywell RPG.

Filling the gap between Honeywell's Model 58 and 115, and competitive with IBM's System/3, the new 105 is diskoriented with Cobol and Fortran, as well as RPG availability.

The 105 comes partially unbundled. Thirty days of on-site system support, 32 hours of testing and debugging, education at Honeywell sites, and software are included in the system price.

Further support, debugging, and on-site education are charged to the user, a new policy for Honeywell.

The 105 is compatible with the rest of the 200 series.

The translator, called Liberator/20, converts the 360 RPG to a form acceptable on the 105, 115, and 115/2. Liberator/20 for card-oriented 20s will be available this Fall, and the disk version in the first quarter of 1972.

Deliveries of the 105 will begin in the last quarter of this year, a Honeywell spokesman said. The CPU is similar to that of

the 115. Main memory cycle time is 3.5 µsec, and basic memory is 16K (characters), expandable to 24K or 32K. The disk

drive subsystem holds 9.2 Mbytes, and can be increased to 36.8 Mbytes. Disk controllers are CPU integrated.

Two simultaneous read/write channels are standard, and a third is optional. This enables the 105 to function as a local or remote batch processing terminal.

The minimum configuration includes a 300 line/min printer, and a 400 card/min reader.

The systems rent from \$1,600 to \$3,000 a month.

Honeywell's main selling point to 360/20 users is the ability of the 105 to run both RPG and Cobol programs. The 20 is for the most part restricted to RPG, which helps beginning users enter EDP through its simplicity, but limits flexibility.

but limits flexibility.

A basic 8K card-oriented 20 (submodel 1) rents for about \$2,600/mo, while a 16K, 5 (Continued on Page 2)

## NCIC Wins in Test Case

By Edward J. Bride

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The FBI's well established computer network has won what appears to be its first legal test.

In a recent federal case, a

In a recent federal case, a defendant claimed that using the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and its replies to inquiries could contribute to an illegal search. A federal court ruled for the government, in U.S. vs. Golembiewski.

According to the FBI, the decision indicated that a car detained at a police station after a traffic arrest may be searched without a warrant, if NCIC re-

ports the vehicle was stolen.

The NCIC reply thus becomes the equivalent of "probable cause" that an offense has been committed, which is necessary before a search can be conducted without a warrant.

In this case, a vehicle had been

In this case, a vehicle had been stopped and the driver charged with a traffic offense. The local police officer observed the vehicle identification number (VIN) on the dashboard as he approached the car, and requested an NCIC check.

The policeman then caused the vehicle to be taken to the sheriff's office, based on the traffic (Continued on Page 4)

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during business hours, Databanks is in computer services business. It is a formidable competitor as it can afford to sell its machine time at half the prevailing cost and also knows where the business is because of its banking operations.

Databanks also operates the largest computer system in New

Databanks also operates the largest computer system in New Zealand — an IBM 360/65 in its Auckland computer center. A

## Consortium Cuts Banking DP Expenses

(Continued from Page 1) Databanks started, it was IBM which said it could not be done.

Due to perseverance and the energy of Gordon Hogg, Data-banks' managing director and founder, the integrated approach to data processing for all the banks is not only working but is saving the banks money by eliminating significant software and hardware duplication.

#### **Decimal Conversion**

all began well before July 1967 when New Zealand offi-cially changed its pounds into dollars and became a decimal currency nation. New Zealand banks faced a double problem at the time.

One was the obvious need for decimalization of all its existing systems. But these were also the days when data processing began

making inroads into the country's banks.

In a way the emergence of both problems at the same time was probably responsible for the final solution in the form of a common data processing consor-

Databanks is constantly introducing new services for the banking industry to improve its services. Recently it began a new money transfer system based on schedules of payments subject to prearranged authorization by both the payer and the payee.

Ultimately Databanks plans to provide checkless money transfer for both debits and credits and above all a communications system between debtor and cred-

The most important decision which made all this possible and simplified interbank transaction processing was the adoption of an account numbering system based on a single customer number, so that all accounts for any one customer are grouped in a

single file. Gordon Hogg, the guiding spirit of the enterprise, is openly working on extension of the automatic transfer into a checkless society environment. He envisions a society where everyone has access to terminals. People will then be able to buy anything they want, wherever they are, by computerized credit. Merchants will simply debit an account through a terminal for any goods or services purchased.

People have been taken for a ride by the computer companies long enough, there's no doubt about it. And he goes about energetically proving what can be done.

## **Mowing Maneuvers**

CW European Bureau

HAVANT, England — Mowing the lawn is for many just one of the chores that ensures that the weekend cannot be fully enjoyable. But for a town council it is much more. It becomes a major headache to efficiently maintain several thousand small areas of grass of all shapes and sizes spread over the entire area of a town.

Havant, a fast expanding industrial and residential district in the Solent City area of England's south coast, has an annual bill of \$53,000 to dispatch numerous lawn mowers and gangs.

The council is using its Honeywell H125 computer to run an adopted version of the Fletcher, Clarke and Wright algorithm for vehicle scheduling to produce daily work schedules for at some of its force of 20 grass cutters. It is already investigating using the program for similar problems including opposite problem of road sanding during the winter months.

## Secret Report Asks Strict Rules For Police Computer Data Banks

(Continued from Page 1) tremely valuable to the police, for example, by supplying additional information quickly to clear innocent people and reduce the number of suspects in investigation, the report

But the report also warns, "There is an equally urgent need for security and privacy for such systems to protect the constitutional rights of citizens." Police departments, it notes, are often "willing or even eager to share information" and computer networks will sharply increase the flow of shared data.

These computer networks will also increase the security problem. "Under a manual system, information on an individual might be obtained from a police

department by a person who had no legal right to receive such data . . . . But it would be an impossible task to query every police department in country to find one with information on that individual.

"However, putting all available information about that indivi-dual into a national computerized system at least solves the collection problem for the person improperly seeking information. If he can find a way to obtain access to the computer-ized files, then he can get everything he wants."

Intelligence data on potential troublemakers plays an impor-tant part in police computer systems, and will be discussed



(Continued from Page 1) Mbyte disk system rents for about \$3,700/mo. An entry-level 105 with 16K, 9.2 Mbytes of disk memory, line printer and card reader leases for about \$1,700/mo on a one-year lease. ere is no pure card-oriented

Both System/3 and the 105 use RPG II, a more modern version than the 360/20 uses, but Sys-

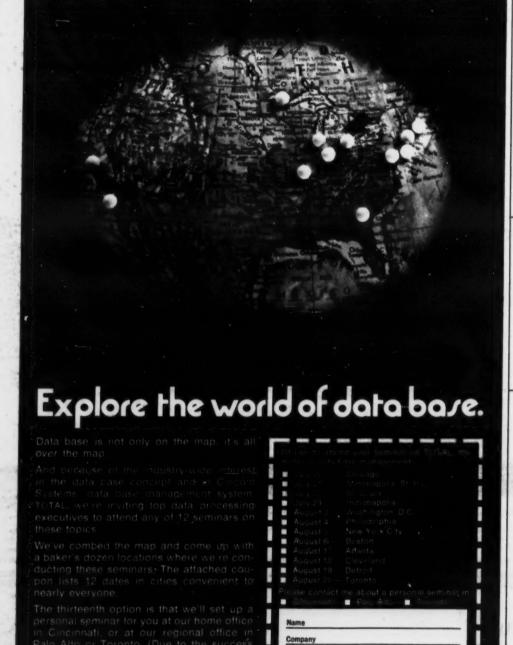
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tem/3 does offer conversational Basic.

A System 3/10 with 16K, 9.8 Mbytes of disk (maximum on the 3), 300 line/min printer, and a multifunction card unit which reads 250 card/min and prints

60 card/min, rents for \$1,740. Prices on the CPU are \$25,870 to \$57,200, depending on memory size, and the basic disk subsystem costs \$20,460.



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## Lack of Funds Cited

# N.Y. Vetoes DP School

CW Staff Writer
ALBANY, N.Y. - Strict regulation of computer schools was vetoed last week by Governor Nelson Rockefeller on grounds that the state did not have the money or manpower required to police the schools.

The regulation would have re quired schools to clear their advertising with the Commissioner of Education, and would have required the schools to post \$25,000 bond.

The bill was unusually broad, covering "schools offering computer training in such areas as clerical, keypunching, programming, computer operation, systems analysis, computer repair

Computer schools would have been placed under the control of the Department of Education, and in his veto message the governor noted that the department had recommended veto be-cause of the "absence of bud-getary support." No one at the department would amplify on the governor's statement.

Assistant State Attorney General Stephen Mindell, who wrote the proposed law, said he was continuing to receive complaints from students about closings of computer schools, and that legis-lation in this area is "vitally" needed.

Despite the veto, he said, his

gate computer schools.

Under the proposed law, the Department of Education would also have been required to approve curriculum and equipment of the schools.

Computer school directors and teachers would have been required to have state trade school licenses. A trade school director must have five years of professional experience and take a 15-hour course from the State Department of Education.

Teachers are required to have passed four education courses, but can get temporary teaching permits as long as they take one education course per year.

# NCIC Record Ruled as 'Probable Cause'

offense. While there, the officer received his reply from NCIC, revealing that the vehicle was listed in the computer as stolen.

The FBI was notified, and the arresting officer and the FBI agent searched the vehicle. Evidence found in this search was used in the prosecution for viola-tion of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, with the defendant being convicted.

Appealing the verdict, the de-fendant said two distinct and illegal searches had been made and claimed the trial court had erred in allowing presentation of the evidence from those searches

The first illegal search. claimed, was when the officer copied the VIN from the dashboard. The second, he claimed, occurred when the two police

officials searched the car at the sheriff's office.

Copying the VIN was declared legal, as it was "clearly visible to the officer when he approached the car, the FBI re-

The examination of the car was declared legal because it was based on "probable cause," which had been supplied by the NCIC report.

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## Figures Don't Figure in Contest

By Thomas J. Morton Special to Computerwork

CHICAGO - It has finally happened. Now America's most favorite and least understood spectator sport, girl watching, has been computerized.

Unfortunately, more enthusiasm than programming skills went into the computer room. One hundred and five girl watchers here were asked to submit specifications on "The Girl I would Like to Watch Best," and an IBM 360/50 was

to have come up with the alphanumerics of Miss Best Girl To Watch. The "walk-by" was conducted

on Michigan Ave., drawing a goodly crowd of both the seasoned girl watching professionals as well as tyros and amateurs to the sport. A group of six judges was to have selected the winner. Girls did not have to enter the contest, they merely had to walk

Seven young ladies in various stages of the latest mini-fashions were corralled by eager recorders as possible winners.

No one won. The computer, analyzing the 105 submitted written specifications, stated with "infallible accuracy and imthat, personal objectivity" win, a young lady (18 to 28 years of age) should have blonde hair, blue eyes, a summer sun tan, a 38D bust, an 18 inch waist, a sturdy 36 inch hip measurement, and legs five feet, four

A member of the Programming Committee explained to CW what he thought had produced the monstrous results.

"The input data forms," he said, looking around nervously, not unlike a man fearing a lynch mob, "were totally inaccurate, totally incomplete

## News Wrapup

## Location Debate Stalls DP Funds

COLUMBUS, Ohio - A disagreement between two universities on the location of a proposed \$2 million northwest Ohio regional

appropriated for the project with the expiration of the fiscal year.

But the University of Toledo and Bowling Green State University are now in "complete informal agreement" on locating the center on land offered by the Owens Illinois Corp. and on the joint use of DP equipment, said Dr. John Millett, chancellor of the Ohio board of regents. The legislature is expected to favorably view the request for funds as soon as a formal agreement is reached, he added.

#### Pupils Use DP Class to Educate Shoppers

JACKSON, Mich. - Although local grocery stores may not be posting unit prices, students in a computer science class at Parkside High School are moving to help consumers shop comparatively.

Brent Wille and Jim Nelson have devised a chart involving 1,300 calculations concerning prices and ounces. By glancing at the chart, shoppers can determine which items are economical. The students plan to distribute copies of the chart through supermarkets.

## 'House Swap' Suggested as Pollution Solution

WHEATON, Ill. – If everyone walked to work, air pollution and traffic congestion would be reduced significantly, claims James Ashenhurst. To make this possible, he is planning to offer a computerized "house swapping" service to enable people to relocate near their work.

#### Eastern Doctors Get On-Line Reference Tool

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - Medical libraries in the Eastern U.S. have an on-line reference tool in the central computer at the state university

Twenty-two such terminals are connected by telephone lines to the university's Biomedical Communication Network headquarters where more than 1.3 million articles and citations in books and other publications are listed in the data bank.

Using the system, doctors and researchers obtain up-to-date replies as they need them, not two weeks later, as occured previously.

### Students, Not Computer, Schedule Courses

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. - It may be the computer age, but students at Amador High School would rather make their own course schedules than have them processed by computer as in the

Students have made up their master schedules for the coming school year, and will confirm their choices of teachers and hours during a two-day session in the gymnasium, where they will talk with the faculty. This method is expected to result in happier students and less expense to the school, according to Principal Neil Sweeney.

#### Computer Delves into District's Dog Dilemma

OAK PARK, Mich. - This town has either fewer dogs or fewer dog licenses, or both, and a computer is being used to find out just where the decline really occurred.

When the period for renewing dog licenses expired recently, there were only about 1,700 tags issued for the new year, as opposed to over 2.300 for 1970.

Town police used a computer to discover which owners failed to renew licenses for dogs they still owned, and the town will collect a \$1 fee for each such omission.

## 'Data Punch' Pal Sends Sympathy Message

MONTREAL - Computers seem to have a "fraternity" of sorts. After the Sun Life Assurance Co. here told policy holders their letters would be answered by humans, not by computer, the company received a packet of punched cards. When processed, the message from Computer 001-001-001 expressed sorrow that "life for you may not be as full and rewarding as it is for me." It also invited the Sun Life computer to become a "data punch" pal.

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## Computer and Poet

# nces Are, the Poems

**By Phyllis Huggins** 

Calif. - Jackson LOS ANGELES. MacLow, distinguished poet, and Information International Corp. (II) have teamed together to create poetry as part of a Los Angeles County Art Museum program on art and technology.

MacLow is a "chance" poet, one who assembles groups of words and ideas and then selects the parts randomly

#### A Poem

The earth turns.

The stars shine.

The earth turns, the moon shines.

The stars shine.

The moon shines. The earth turns.

The sun shines

The streams flow. The rain falls.

The oceans fall, the oceans rise. The snow falls.

The wind blows.

The river flows

An "artist in residence" at the company for two months, MacLow completed 19 poems during this period, each one of them constructed differently.

To add a dimension to the poems, II put an audio unit on its display system so that while the computer was randomly selecting the parts of the displaying them on the CRT unit, the

## Illinois Units Hits \$6 Million Underuse Of Computer Centers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. - A state finance department study of computer operations at the 13 major Illinois state universities showed \$6 million of an annual \$20 million equipment rental expense is being wasted, according to the acting director of the state finance department, John W. McCarter, Jr.

An investigation by the finance department was made at the request of Rep. David J. Regner (R-Mt. Prospect), chairman of the house appropriations com-

The majority of the \$6 million waste the study revealed, is caused by rentals of allegedly unused equipment. Northern Illinois University at DeKalb, the finance director stated, showed a 70% use of its rented equipment.

He credited the waste to the lack of central planning or control over acquisitions and use of computers at the 13 major campuses. His study team had difficulty finding accurate lists of equip-

ment on the campuses, Regner stated.
State universities in Illinois include the University of Illinois at Champagne-Urbana, the site of the development of Illiac III and Illiac IV.

The state board of higher education has frozen computer acquisitions for the next six months, pending review of the campus situation by the board's staff in conjunc-tion with outside consultants.

#### 3½ Years for Hospital System

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Carraway Methodist Hospital here has completed phase one of its computer-based patient-care hospital information system, when admissions, discharges, transfers, and reservations were placed on a computer sys-

Three and a half man years were spent in developing this phase of the hospital's overall program, according to local of-

Ultimately, the goal is to have computer terminals on all nursing stations.

audio was creating music generated by the

For example, the longer the series of charthe deeper the audio tones and the longer the duration of the tones.

According to MacLow, his poems created a 'pipe organ-like" music. John Hanson, director of programming at II, said the real work of art was watching the artist seated at the display console in a darkened room with the poems being created live before him on the CRT and accompanying music in the back-ground. "It was a beautiful, stunning effect," said Hanson.

Poetry has been generated by computer before, but it was by technicians using technology to product "art" resembling results. This is probably the first case of a poet bridging the gap of technology and using it to create his own form of poetry.

The differences in the types of poems that esulted is shown by excerpts;

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## To Prevent War?

# Researchers Use DP to Assemble, Correlate War Data

ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Since 1821, only 24 years were without a war, says a computer-generated study of war that will be soon published in book form.
The study indicates 93 wars were fought between 1916 and 1965

#### **Predictable Factors**

The purpose of the study is to determine predictable factors of wars, base root causes and con-sequences so a computer can be used to predict warfare-like tendencies by an analysis of the current factors of any given group of people, explained project leader J. David Singer, University of Michigan. the same manner as storms.

In time, the researcher noted, wars could be prevented by knowing how they start and moving to prevent the build-up of factors that lead to the shoot-

Mathematics and computer analysis is being used in this study because of criticism that social science research is "fuzzy" "scientific rigor," "scientific rigor," and lacks Singer said.

#### Some Unstifled Criticism

But the researcher contends that the use of computers has not stifled all criticism. There is a controversy developing that claims something as complex as

be reduced to simple numbers, he noted.

Singer admits some subtlety and "some of the complexities are lost with quantitative analysis, but maintains that previous research on war adds up to "942 linear feet of delightful and plausible speculation on the causes and the consequences of , and there's not a damn shred of reproducible evidence.

The researchers have produced a statistical picture of war, deter-

- A total of 144 nations spent a 4,500 "nation months" in combat and suffered 29 million battle deaths, not including civil-
  - An interstate war began

imperial, one every 3.5 years.

- There were 6.2 wars in the average decade, with peaks in the volume of war every 20 vears
- Most wars began in spring or autumn, generally April or October, but the longest and bloodiest wars all began in summer months.
- Europe was the area most prone to war, with the Middle East running second.
- England and France were tied for fighting the most wars (19), with France losing more than her neighbor across the channel.

Using a statistical base, the researchers are developing a

social, economic, and political conditions and events to deter-mine which are most regularly associated with periods and places having the highest and the lowest flare-ups of fighting.

Behavioral factors are also being studied. These were the hardest to equate to quantitative analysis, and required complex programming using code numbers for each kind of action, Singer said.

Other socio-political scientists involved with the project are: Dr. Melvin Small, Wayne State University, Dr. Stuart Bremer, Michigan, Dr. Russell Leng, Middlebury College and Dr. Michael Wallace, University of British Columbia.

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The chief surprise on the list is Dr. Manfred Clynes, director of the Biocybernetic Laboratory at Rockland (N.Y.) State Hospital, who contributed \$30,000 to Eugene McCarthy.

'For Peace'

Clynes told the New York

Times he made his money through the invention of medical computers, and that his "first only political contribution and was for peace."

Other contributors were: Sam Wyly, president, University Computing Co., \$100,000 to Republicans.

Arthur K. Watson, as chairman, World Trade Corp., \$54,875 to Republicans.

Howard S. Levin, ex-president Levin-Townsend Computer Corp., \$30,000 to Democrats.

Thomas J. Watson Jr. as chairman IBM, \$28,875 to both

#### Beer Gets DP Assist

LONDON - Guiness, the inter-nationally famous beer, is moving into Nigeria with computer-powered assistance, Major extensions to the Guiness brewery in Lagos are being constructed under the control of a critical path network, estab-lished and updated monthly on an ICL 1900 Series computer at Baric Computing Services' (ICL's bureau subsidiary) bureau here.



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#### **Editorial**

## Object Lesson

Minding your own business exclusively can be hazardous for your business - and expensive for others.

DP people, both in service bureaus and in in-house installations, tend to think of their work in terms of processing information for others. It doesn't necessarily occur to them that others are depending on them to process the information in a legal manner.

The Federal Trade Commission has found that a number of merchants are violating the Truth in Lending Law because they depended on their DP people to see their billing was legal. The DP people, apparently, expected that the users of their services would ask for changes when they were required by law.

Technically, the DP people may be right. But ethically they are wrong. And there is a good possibility that some of them will lose their jobs or customers before the dust settles.

It pays to mind your customers' business as well as your own.



## Letters to the Editor

#### Hospital Cites Sharing Efforts

I read with great interest the article "DP Sharing Cuts Hospital Costs" [CW, June 9]. The sharing discussed in your article is a large contribution to reduction of hospital costs.

We, in the Chicagoland area, have been sharing in the manner suggested in your article, but have been at it about a year longer than the Philadelphia hospitals.

MacNeal Memorial Hospital in Berwyn, Ill., has a computer installed which it shares with Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. The hospitals have an 1,100 combined bed total. Much coordination has been excercised so that the two hospitals share in systems development effort as well as

> Thomas W. Bradley, Director Systems & Data Communications

MacNeal Memorial Hospital

Pi Sort 2's Minimum is 24K
We were certainly pleased to find that Alan
Taylor [The Taylor Report, June 16] found that
our Pi Sort 2 substantially outperforms IBM's 48.3 Sort. However, the minimum configuration for Pi Sort 2 is 24K, not 50K as was suggested. In addition, Programmatics is still supporting Pi Sort 1 (compatible with IBM's 450 Sort) which substantially outperforms the 450 Sort both above and below 50K bytes.

The statement, "... Pi Sort will not new people who are wanting the best disk sort that people who are wanting the best disk sort that people who are wanting the best disk sort that people who are wanting the best disk sort that they can get for free . . . ," is definitely true, and I can safely predict that Programmatics will not have any relief for those people in the foreseeable

David E. Ferguson

Programmatics, Inc. Los Angeles, Calif.

Taylor replies: The question is, however, just how far below 50K partitions does Pi Sort outperform 483? As reader Spyridon Aspiotis pointed out, his tests at 32K indicated no clear result, leading him to the conclusion that "the new costs are not written with an execution partition sorts are not written with an execution partition of even 32K in mind" [CW, June 30]. And, as far as performance is concerned I concur with him — even though the sort may function there.

#### Reader Suggests Isort for 2314s

In the June 30 Letters to the Editor, three out of seven people indicating their need of SM-450 support also expressed their desire to have SM-450 support 2314s.

Back around DOS Release 18, IBM had many 2314s installed and SM-483 was not yet available; as a temporary measure an interim sort was made available to support the 2314. The name of the sort was Isort and outwardly was identical to SM-450 SM-450.

The installation I was with at the time ran Isort for about six months without any problems that I

I'm not sure who, if anyone, might still be running Isort, but it seems that it might be of value to some of the smaller-core 2314 shops.

Paul J. Horak

#### Ticketron Passed OTB's Tests

In the "Computer Betting Starts, Ticketron Enters Race" story [CW, June 30] a reader may construe restrictions and performance characteristics of the Ticketron system which are not true.

Based upon Ticketron's broad experience sports and entertainment ticketing and with the New Jersey lottery, we were asked by the New York Off-Track Betting Corp. to propose an OTB system that would be operational quickly and would be capable of meeting all requirements.

Ticketron completed this system in 45 days and passed all OTB tests for performance criteria (auditing, speed, reliability, etc.) on the first try. We feel this was a remarkable achievement that attests to the expertise and reliability of Ticketron's technical staff.

As to performance, Ticketron's terminal is second to none. Both numerous tests and long operating experience in the field confirm that this s not a mere conjecture.

The system itself is expandable to any number of

betting parlors, telephone betting, etc. The costs/ performance ratio of Ticketron's system is super-

ior to any available today.

Ticketron will be in the OTB betting market on an expanding basis because we believe it is an important one for us and an important source of revenue for municipal and state government. We are prepared to install and operate our system anywhere in the U.S. and we are now, in fact, having such discussions.

T.W. Helweg

Ticketron, Inc.

#### 3735 Has April Delivery Date

In an article on programmable terminals, it was stated that the IBM 3735 Programmable Buffered Terminal "would not be delivered until the end of 1972" [CW, June 23].

As we said when the 3735 was announced, first customer shipments are scheduled to begin in April, 1972.

Chauncey I. Bartholet, Manager Terminals and Communications Products

White Plains, N.Y.

Computerworld welcomes comments from its readers. Letters should be addressed to: Editor, Computerworld, 797 Washington St., Newton,

## Bill Seeks to Data Bank All U.S.-Funded Research

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With invasion of an individual's privacy being one of the hottest issues on Capitol Hill these days, the words "data bank" have fallen into ill repute.

The words connote an insidi-ous invasion into the thoughts, ideas and personal lives of private citizens.

But data banks, of course, are not all bad, and now an Illinois

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congress man is asking the House of Representatives to consider approving es tablishment of a nationresearch data bank. Rep. Harold R. Col-

By Alan Drattell lier (R-III.)

believes the public should know where its money is going.

In fiscal 1972, which began July 1, the Federal Government provide \$17.7 billion for research programs - better than \$1 billion more than fiscal 1971, Collier says. And many of the programs, he asserts, show costly overlapping between govern-mental agencies, private corporations, foundations, universities and individuals.

Inefficiency and waste caused by duplication make coordinated research efforts on a na-tional level almost impossible, Collier contends.

There are so many programs of research assisted by the Federal Government," he says, "that very few people in any division of government can answer the simplest request for information about any given program,"
In a statement in the Congress-

ional Record, Collier adds, "I am sure that every member of Congress has had occasion to request information on a research program only to find it was conducted by 10 different project directors under five different agencies.

"Sometimes the mystery of where, how and by whom concerning research money appropriated by Congress becomes

major research project in itself.
"Year after year Congress has been asked to approve the funding of new ventures in research more thoroughly until there is a systematic way of maintaining and using the infor-mation that has already been gathered at federal expense.'

Collier's bill, H.R. 8732, called "National Research dination Act of 1971," would authorize the U.S. Comptroller General to develop and maintain a standard national depository for all information and data relating to research programs con-

ducted with federal assistance. The plan also calls for publishing a yearly catalog con-taining a summary of all information and data stored in the bank except for material that may be classified.

Section 4 of the bill provides

that for each research program being conducted with federal assistance the data bank shall:

• Identify the program, including the name of the program, the authorizing statute, the specific administering office, and a brief description of the program and its objectives.

• Describe the program struc-ture, including the method of research being utilized, and the expenditure patterns.

 Provide additional financial information, including current authorizations and appropria-tions of funds, the obligations incurred for past years, the cur-rent amount of unobligated balances, other non-federal sources of assistance including amounts, and other pertinent financial information.

Identify the appropriate officals who are administering the program.

• Identify any closely related programs; and

· Provide any other information which the Comptroller General may feel is necessary to a complete understanding of the scope and purpose of the research program.

The Collier Bill has been referred to committee.

## After Taking Orders, **Cuts 155 Internal Speeds**

computers was announced last summer, the 370/155 was the clear leader of the fleet. It had a remarkably powerful perform-

The Taylor

Report

By Alan Taylor, CDP

ance. And it had clear signs that it was a real machine not a paper tiger.

strations were promised only two OI three months after the an-

nouncement. Deliveries were promised for nine months. And both the promises were kept.

But now the question is what was demonstrated, and what was delivered as a result of all the orders obtained during this period.

For make no doubt about it, the 370/155 has been one of the successful machines Judging by the reports of EDP Industry Report, the respected sister publication of Computerworld, by April some 865 of these machines had been or-

And yet, at that time, there were no performance lists for the 155 officially released to customers

Even though it had been de-

livered in February! Even though it had been demonstrated last August! Even though the internal performance of the system is the key measure of a computer!

#### **Did Users Care?**

Now that is not to say that all these millions of dollars worth

of equipment were ordered without some consideration of the erformance. It is to say that IBM did not officially give them to the customers.

The facts were boldly stated in a memorandum from the Headquarters Field System Center in Poughkeepsie on July 8, 1970.
Mr. J. Beckerleg wrote: "No instruction timing sheets were included in the System 370 Model 155 manuals at announce-ment time, Preliminary copies of these are attached for your use.... These are not labeled IBM Confidential but you should use them with discretion disclose this information only to those people with the need to know. Selected quotes of these times may be given to customer and included in proposals but the attached list should not be released."

The attached list of instruction times was then provided by IBM to be used to persuade customers to order the 370/155, although the corporation was not prepared to let the customer have the lists.

#### When the Orders Were in

Curious as this policy appears. it became even more curious in May this year when a technical newsletter was issued with the official times. The phrasing was somewhat different, the new one being in microseconds, and the other having been in machine cycles.

(The 155 machine cycle is .115 μsec, so that the numbers have to be multiplied out accord-

ingly.)
The first instruction listed was the ADD instruction. This was given as being 7 machine cycles originally, and so would have been expected to be .805  $\mu$ sec.

In the TNL it is .993 µsec, up some 24%!

The next instruction, another ADD this time register-to-register, was originally 4 machine cycles, or .460 µsec.

This is a particularly interesting case, because there is no prob-lem here about having to estimate the length of time it takes to get an item out of storage. The operands here are in the registers already so it is a very straightforward hardware func

However, again the "New" Model 155 is slower than the original one with the time at .499 µsec. Not so much slower this time, only about 7% - but still slower.

The next instruction on the was the ADD decimal. It was also slower now.

#### **Analysis Started**

the time I found these points I was getting interested. So much so that I stopped doing instruction-by-instruction examination, because this is always liable to produce a lop-sided point of view.

Instead I started off doing classes of instruction by classes of instructions. I took the decimal instructions, which are so in the commercial line. Then I took branch instructions which are an inevitable part of any program. I took these separately whether the branch is taken or not.

And then I took other classes, like those that originally had taken three machine cycles, then four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven and twelve.

#### **Most Cases Slower!**

I worked out in each case the old and the new 155 timings. There was one case — with 8 machine cycles — where the old ones were slightly slower than the new ones. In every other case they were considerably slower in the new timings. The results are shown in figure 1.

Which just raises the question, wonder what the 155 will perform when it is delivered. And I wonder how anyone can

#### User's Stake \$4,200 Not \$5,000

In the Taylor Report "If These Terms Are Fair, Users Should Look Else-where" June 23, the termination charges that users have to pay to IBM if they opt out during a fixed-term le wrongly computed on the full rental figures, rather than on the reduced fixed-term rental

As a result, the charges were hown nearly 20% higher shown nearly 20% higher than they are. In particular, the \$5,000 rental termination charge for an IBM 2319 should have been \$4,200.

However, as this amount is still larger than \$3,840, the maximum amount that a user can gain on the fixed-term this mistake did not affect the argument that the odds - set by IBM - suggest that in fact it is more likely than not that a money con-scious user will find better values outside IBM. The error is regretted.

## The 1970 155 vs. the New One

Instruction Types	Instructions Used	Performance Difference (%)
Decimal Instructions (5 digit operands)	Add, Subtract Multiply, Compare	16 Slower
Branches	BALR, BCR, BC,	11
Not Taken	BCTR, BCT, BXHE	Slower
Branches Taken	BXLE	24 Slower
3 Cycle	ALR, CR, CLR, LR,LTR,	15
Instructions	LNR, SLR	Slower
4 Cycle Instructions	AR, LA, SR	8 Slower
5 Cycle	AL, C, CLI, L, SPM,	23
Instructions	SL, SI	Slower
6 Cycle Instructions	NI, XI, IC, OI	52 Slower
7 Cycle	A, NR, XR, LNER, LPER,	10
Instructions	LE, MVI, OR, SSM, S	Slower
8 Cycle	LTER, LDR, LNDR, LPDR,	(6)
Instructions	LER	Faster
9 Cycle	N, BAL, X, LTDR, LCER,	9
Instructions	LD, O	Slower

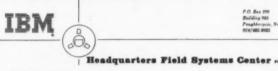
Figure 1. Table shows the difference between the instruction times originally authorized by IBM for release to customers and inclusion in proposals for the System 370/155, and the instruction times of the same systems as published by IBM in May,

Oh — and if you think IBM stands behind its proposals to its customers, you should just look at the typical IBM contract forms. If proposals are mentioned — they are specifically excluded as being any part of the agreement!

tell whether his 155 will really be giving him the performance that he is paying for, when IBM is able to change its published instruction times after taking or-

this another type of concealed price increase that we have to put up with? Why do businessmen allow million dollar pieces of equipment to be degraded, when our wives have been able to stop supermarkets pulling the same trick on dollar

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July 8, 1970 Dept. H74 – Bldg. 985 P.O. Box 390 Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12602 Tele: (914) 488-7118 or

tie line: 255-7148 SUBJECT: Instruction Execution Timings for System/370 Model 155

#### MEMO TO: SE & I Managers

No instruction timing charts were included in the System/370 Model 155 manuals at announcement time. Preliminary copies of these are attached for your use. They have already been distributed to the Regional Product Marketing people. This is the best information available at this time. TNL's will be made available shortly firming this up and converting the timings to microseconds rather than CPU cycles.

These are not labeled IBM Confidential but you should use them with discretion and disclose this information only to those people with a need to know. Selected quotes of these times may be given to customer and included in proposals but the attached list should not be released. Any questions on this information should be directed to Bob Shomler (914) 485-7139 or tie line: 255-7139.

J. Beckerleg

cc: FSC Managers Mr. R.W. Shomler Mr. R.K. Sturcken

Figure 2. Beckerleg's letter of July 8, 1970 instructing IBM nonconfidential data to be kept out of the hands of customers, but used for proposals etc. The TNL referred to was published 10 months later, in May, 1971 and the timings generally were slower than Beckerleg quoted. [Letter reset for purposes of clarity.]



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The first International Computer Exposition for Latin America is to take place July 26-30, with an accompanying Random Access Forum July 27-29. All events take place at the Camino Real Hotel.

About two dozen exhibitors, including some of the largest U.S. manufacturers, have signed up for booth space, and the exhibit area will be open to the public at no charge.

The technical forum is divided into three segments by intended audience: corporate executives, EDP managers, and general in-

The sessions for corporate ex-

ecutives will include a luncheon address by Patrick McGovern, president of International Data Corp. His address will concern

## Societies/ User Groups

the development of computer usage in America, and its implications for Latin America.

Fee for the high-level management seminar is \$256.

The Systems seminar, for EDP managers, will cost \$144, and will feature lectures on applications of current technology, including time-sharing, graphics, optical scanning, and numerical control for industry.

The general-interest portion ("applicable science"), which will feature discussions on computer assisted instruction, gineering applications, traffic control systems, and mathematical models for management, will cost \$72.

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## Cost Effectiveness Topic of ACM Seminar

CHICAGO - A management seminar entitled "Computing Today: the Profit Crisis" will be conducted by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) at the conclusion of its national convention

The two-day seminar, Aug. 6-7, will be given at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

The seminar will provide lectures and workshops to give "real answers and practical solutions" to the problems of keeping computer operations profitable, an ACM official said.

Dr. Anthony Ralston, chairman of the computer department at the State University of New York at Buffalo, will cover data communications and system performance measurement.

Dr. Robert Rector will chair the Saturday session, which will deal with personnel evaluation and training, the bottleneck of "input economics," data security, and software buying. Fee schedules and other information are available from ACM at 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York,

## Ifip 71 Doing Well

NEW YORK - Preliminary advance registration figures for Ifip (International Federation for Information Processing) Congress 71, to be held in Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, August 23-28, reveal the U.S. and U.K. lead in registrants – followed by Hungary as a surprisingly close third. Of the 1,500 advance registrants to date, a little over 10% are from Hungary.

The pace of advance registration, according to Ifip officials, is ahead of the last Ifip Congress. Ifip can be contacted through Box 4197, Grand Central Post Office, New York, 10017.

## Digitronics Users Group To Hold 6th Annual Conclave

TYSONS CORNER, Va. -- The Digitronics Users Association (DUA) will hold its 6th Annual Conference here on October 18th and 19th.

The agenda includes seminars on the mpact of point-of-sale data acquisition impact on retailers, wholesalers and manufac-turers, maximum utilization of data communications networks, certification as a solution for coupling and interconnect, data communications systems organization, and a presentation of the potential problems of incompatibility among the new digital networks.

Among the panelists are: Harry Schreiber Jr., Bernard Strassberg, James L. Clark, and Donald L. Dittberner.

## Random Notes

#### IBM Will Give 155 Users Free 7070/7074 Emulator

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - IBM will add 7070/7074 OS emulation to the 370/155 through a no-charge program scheduled to be available in the first half of 1972.

The emulator will provide tape formatting programs for converting 7070/7074 tape files into standard OS format and will require a minimum partition of 188K bytes on the 155.

#### GTE T/S Boasts APL Version

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. – GTE Data Services has added a new version of APL/360 to its timesharing capabilities. Called APL-X6, it allows users to access OS compatible disk files and then generate disk files of any speci-fied size. A separate edit feature allows users to edit numeric data and generate reports in up to one-tenth the time previously required, GTE said. The service costs \$11/hr connect time and \$6/min for additional CPU time. GTE Data Services is at 2 Corporate Park Drive, 10604.

#### Payables Package Runs on P-350s

NEW YORK - Philips Business Systems Inc. has an accounts payable ckage for users of P-350 minis.

The package is said to enable small and medium size businesses to exercise control over expenses with routines for posting vendor and distribution ledgers, preparing vouchers and checks, and compiling management reports. The software prepares a daily total sheet of debits, credits, discounts and checks written. Philips is at 100 E.

#### **CSS Packages Aid Engineers**

STAMFORD, Conn. — Two new civil engineering packages are now available on the National CSS timesharing net-

The Ingo (Integrated Geometry) system developed by Omnidata Services Inc. can identify, store, retrieve and compute points, bearings, and elevations for mapping, road and bridge design, subdivision layout, and related two and three dimension problems.

The Sewnet package, also from Omnidata, is for designing, cost esti-mating, and profile plotting of sanitary sewer systems. National CSS Inc. is headquartered at 460 Summer St.,

#### **EMR Has Seismic Enhancement**

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn. — EMR Computer's Executive Job Processor package is for geophysicists analyzing seismic data.

The package, an enhancement to Seismic Processing System (SPS) is available free to all EMR 6000 SPS users from 8001 Bloomington Freeway, 55420.

#### HIS Has Scheduling Systems

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. - The WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass. — The Honeywell Production Scheduling and Control System I (PSC/I) provides scheduling, loading, control and reporting capabilities for manufacturing users. The system operates with an HIS 115 CPI or larger

HIS 115 CPU or larger.
A second system, PSC/II, operates with HIS models 1015 through 4200 and also has Pert scheduling capabilities. ties. It requires 98K with tape, disk, card reader, and printer in minimum configuration on the 1015.

## 30% Less Core Needed

# ADR Claims 'Roscoe' Superior to CRJE

CW Staff Write

PRINCETON, N.J. - While current and potential users of remote batch processing on the 360 can use IBM's Conversa-tional Remote Job Entry (CRJE) system, a much better choice might be the Remote OS Conversational Operating Environment (Roscoe) from Applied Data Research Inc.

ADR recently spent three months com-

paring the two systems.

Both packages were tested on ADR's 360/50. The characteristics analyzed by ADR included facilities needed, ease of use, core and disk requirements, operating speeds, degradation of the operating system and cost factors.

The study found that Roscoe and CRJE

have 19 facilities in common. CRJE has seven features for which Roscoe has no counterpart, but Roscoe has 20 unique

ADR recognized the CRJE PL/1 scanner as significant, but said its other features are "essentially programmer conven-iences." Roscoe features include the Basic language, a Cobol syntax checker and others ADR said are designed to increase programmer productivity and make the system attractive to non-programmers.

The study indicated Roscoe normally required 30% less core and 60% less disk space. A Roscoe system without syntax checkers supporting five terminals requires 50K bytes, ADR claimed, while a comparable version of CRJE requires 80K

under Roscoe, ADR said, since active files can reside on disk, drum or data cell versus CRJE's disk only.

A Roscoe system will use only half of a 2314 disk pack to store 400,000 active

and a half, by ADR's calculations.

ADR claims that IBM has stated that CRJE will degrade batch processing oper-

ations by 20%, but estimated that Roscoe degrades the same operations by only 10%. Conversely both systems will themselves be degraded by heavy background batch processing.

Partly because CRJE operates as a sys-

tem task while Roscoe runs as a conventional job, Roscoe will tend to degrade more than CRJE.

Another factor causing greater degrada-tion of Roscoe lies in the fact that CRJE's AFIO access method generates channel programs composed of chained I/O commands.

ADR said that actual costs of operating the two systems eight hours a day at a medium-sized installation were in the range of \$3,300/mo for Roscoe and \$6,500/mo for CRJE. These figures took into account the differences in core and disk utilization in the Roscoe figure as a proportional share of the initial cost of

## Johnson Gives DOS/360 Users System Utilization Package

McLEAN, Va. - DOS/360 users have another reporting package for studying system utilization statistics developed by DOS Version 25. The DOS Job Accounting Report System is available from Johnson Systems.

Data analysis of DOS figures enables users to monitor computer environment, measure productivity, study programmers performance and distribute costs accurately, a Johnson spokesman said.

The Johnson Report System can display all DOS-provided data elements, plus more than 25 computed elements at the job and job-step levels.

The user selects the elements he wants to display, and formats the data as he wishes. He may sort the data, using three control fields, in either ascending or descending sequence. Totals and subtotals of the DOS statistics can be identified with the control of the data with the control of the with user specified labels.

The report system is designed around a series of control cards which are described as simple enough to allow even non-programmers to generate reports by

following the user manual.

The Johnson program is written in BAL and Cobol, and operates on Model 25 or larger CPUs using either 2311 or 2314 disk units. The package sells for \$950 from Westgate Research Park, 22101.

## **PDP-15 Given Business Routines**

MAYNARD, Mass. - Users of the medium scale PDP-15 can program business applications in Fortran, through a package of subroutines available without cost from DEC.

The subroutines are CALLed from the user's Fortran program to provide formatting, editing and manipulation of strings of data, capabilities that are awkward to handle in normal Fortran coding.

An editing routine, for example, lets the user insert commas, dollar signs and blanks, which are not recognized by Fortran's 64-character code but which are needed to prepare documents such as

checks and invoices.

The editing mask to be used is entered as one of the parameters in the subroutine CALL, a DEC spokesman said.

A series of code conversion routines lets the user manipulate and pack data more efficiently than he could with standard Fortran statements. Another series lets the user do all his arithmetic with integer or decimal numbers, in field lengths that he chooses.

The subroutine package is designed to be used with DEC's Batch-15 systems which are structured around the PDP-15 CPU DEC said.

## DOS-to-OS Conversion Facilitated By Remote Batch 360/85 Access

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. - Users planning to convert from DOS to OS operations can avoid recompilation delays by using the remote batch services of EDP Resources Inc.

Accessing a 360/85 through a local phone call to branch offices, users can run DOS programs under OS with no program conversion. Full OS file management features are available to users.

With the EDP Resources service OS and DOS can be intermixed in the same job stream. DOS compilers supported include Cobol, Ansi Cobol, PL/1, Fortran, and RPG. DOS Sort and utility programs can also be run. Charges for the service depend on usage and storage requirements. The firm is at 1 North Broadway, 10601.

## 'Shampugh' Reads Bad Tapes

BURNABY, British Columbia - Faced with bad data records generated on Hewlett-Packard magnetic tapes, programmers at Simon Fraser University computing center shampugh' the tapes.

The Slightly Heritical Access Method Processes Unreadable Garbage into Hollerith (Shampugh) program is described by the center as a relatively simple IBM 360 utility that reads bad tape and produces a clean copy. Garbage records are not carried over to the output tape.

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## May Set Precedent

## **Users Challenge Metered Rates**

By Ronald A. Frank

SAN FRANCISCO — Data users are gearing up to challenge a proposal here that would put a taxi meter on all intrastate phone calls used for data.

The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) has scheduled a conference for August 4 to set hearings on the "Data Exchange Service" proposal and determine the scope of testimony that will be accepted from users. Hearings could begin in September.

At issue is a PUC staff report which recommends all non-voice calls be charged on a measured rate basis. Such calls are presently charged at normal business line phone rates in most areas.

The report originally was issued earlier this year in answer to a rate increase request from Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

During hearings then, the controversial report was set aside for separate consideration because of the concern shown by data

The basis for the PUC staff recommendation apparently is a study conducted by Pacific Telephone in 1970. The study of the Palo Alto telephone central office found that local Bell facilities were "seriously overloaded due to computer access lines," according to the PUC staff report

Data users are concerned that

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if the measured rate proposal wins approval it would single out data users for higher phone rates. Although the upcoming hearings will apply only to intrastate phone service within California, a PUC decision could set a precedent for other areas.

All data users who would be affected by the measured rate proposal should notify the commission that they plan to attend the prehearing conference by July 23, according to a PUC spokesman.

More than 20 complaints were received when the report was first issued.

Among the users expected to appear are General Electric, Comshare, Adapso and possibly the California Retailers Association.

# State Rulings Predicted For Specialized Carriers

TOPEKA, Kan. – The recent Federal Communications Commission decision allowing competition between the existing and new specialized carriers did little to settle related intrastate issues, according to F. Mark Garlinghouse AT&T vice-president.

Speaking at a meeting of regulatory commissioners here, Garlinghouse predicted that the various state regulatory agencies will have to decide what intrastate services are to be provided by the specialized carriers and on what terms. The state regulators will also have to determine what prices the Bell System will charge in order to compete, he said.

Garlinghouse said that in order for Bell to compete with the new carriers, it will have to abandon its policy of national average pricing and charge according to the costs for each route. "That would mean lower prices between large cities and higher prices between small cities," he said.

If the state regulatory agencies require Bell to maintain its average pricing then the potential loss of profits on the competitive routes will have to be made up by higher rates for all users, he said.

True competition will occur only if Bell is allowed to drop its prices, he said. "We are going to have to set our prices more closely to costs [but not below] because that would be unfair to our competitors," he said.

AT&T is currently considering, according to Garlinghouse, increased charges to users who make heavy use of telephone equipment.

## Data Briefs

## Multiplexer Handles 18 Channels

SAN CARLOS, Calif. — GTE Lenkurt's 25C multiplexer is designed for voice-grade data communications involving remote terminals, batch processors, teleprinters, and time-sharing devices.

The 25C provides intermixable data rates from 100- to 600 bit/sec, and up to 18 data channels can be multiplexed over a single value circular.

A single-channel unit costs \$450, and a terminal shelf that accommodates up to eight channels costs \$323 per channel.

The 25C will operate over all types of transmission facilities including unconditioned voice lines, cable, and microwave systems. It can be arranged for simplex, half-duplex, or full-duplex transmission and either two-wire or four-wire operation. The multiplexer is available for immediate delivery from 1105 County Rd., 94070.

#### Datatrol Adds Data Interface for PDP-8

HUDSON, Mass. — Datatrol's CI-16 communications interface connects a DEC PDP-8 to the telephone system over a Bell 103 or 202 dataset and provides a communications link over the dial-up phone network between the mini and a remote computer or magnetic tape terminal.

Features include: automatic answer, full duplex, half duplex or reverse channel modes, and data rates from 100 to 4,800 bit/sec. The CI-16 is priced at \$3500. Delivery is 30 days from Datatrol, Kane Industrial Dr., 01749.

#### Wats Rate Calculator is Free to Users

CLEARWATER, Fla. — Users are able to look up monthly rates for full-time Wats telephone service between any two points in the continental United States, with a pocket-sized calculator available free from Paradyne Corp.

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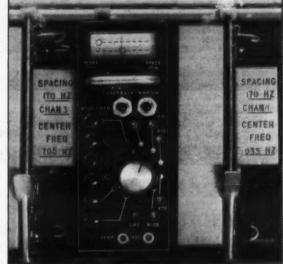




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## Bits and Pieces

#### **Bucode's 3420 Replacement** Uses IBM 2803 Controller

HAUPPAUGE, N.Y. – Bucode's 3424 plug compatible replacements for the IBM 3420 tape drive can now be driven from the IBM 2803 control unit, normally used to run 2401 and 2420 tape drives. IBM's 3420 needs a 3803 controller, which, Bucode said, costs 50% to 200% more than the 2803. Bucode's 3420-5 replacement costs \$465/mo, and the 3420-7 replacement costs \$550/mo. The IBM units go for \$475 and \$585, respectively, and need the more expensive controller. Bucode is at 175 Engineers Rd., 11787

#### Sound Pen for Data Entry

SOUTHPORT, Conn. – Science Accessories Corp.'s System 2041 uses a sound pen and a writing tablet with microphones that sense X and Y coordinates to input inventory data. The system includes a control unit, a visual display for numeric data, and a tape cassette for data recording. Various input forms are available for other applications. The system costs \$6,500 and is available in four to six weeks. The firm is at 65 Station St., 06490.

#### Package Uses Hazeltine 2000

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — With Computing Corp. International's "Easyin" system, the user of a Hazeltine 2000 CRT terminal can display an entire form with one keystroke. After the operator enters data to fill out the form, the package edits the data for transmission to a central computer, sending only new data and deleting format data.

Cost is \$3,000 and delivery is in 90 days, from 3375 S. Bannock 80110

#### Shintron Sells Graphic Aid

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - A bi-dimensional graphic data input transducer for general-purpose computers, the Graphic Data Tablet Ecricron series 520 operates on a principle that is said to be a radical departure from conventional techniques.

Manufactured by Shintron Co., the 520 transmits both digital and analog signals of its pen's instantaneous coordinates. Analog bandwidth is 20 Hz and digital outputs are 10 bits parallel for both X and Y. Long term accuracy is better than 2% peak to peak and linearity is less than 0.5% peak to peak. The unit sells for 144 Rogers St., 02142. The unit sells for \$2,000 from

## Stand-Alone or Interactive

## Small Disk Systems Aimed at Businesses

ANAHEIM, Calif. - Four disk-oriented low cost computers, intended for use by small to medium size businesses, are being offered as the first products of Basic/ Four Corp.

The four systems, starting with single terminal disk configurations and extending to an eight terminal time-sharing setup, range in price from \$23,900 to over \$90,000 for a system with eight accounting machine terminals and extra disk capacity.

The two single-user configurations, the 300 and the 350, have basic prices of \$23,900 and \$28,900 respectively. Both have the same central processor with 8K bytes of memory and a 2.1 Mbyte disk memory

The 300 system uses an interactive accounting machine terminal, while the 350 has a video display terminal and a medium-speed (60 line/min, 132 char/ line) printer.

Core for the central processor can be increased to 64K and the disks to 12.6 Mhytes.

The time-sharing systems, the 400 and the 500, accommodate up to four or eight terminals, respectively. The terminals can be any combination of accounting machines and video displays. Basic prices with one terminal are \$29,900 for the 400 and \$30,900 for the 500

The disk memory can store either 2.1 Mbytes of 4.2 Mbytes on two disks, one fixed and the other in a removable cartridge. There are four reading heads, and average access time is 70 msec.

A 300 line/min printer is also available, as is a magnetic tape transport. Punched tape and punched card equipment and communications capability are also being

Forbus, like Basic/Four a subsidiary of Management Assistance, Inc., does the maintenance on the system. Some software is included in the price, but special programming or training is unbundled.

The programming language is Basic.

Compared to a disk-oriented System 3/Model 6, the Basic/Four 300, for ex-

ample, is highly competitive. A simple 3/6 with an 8K core memory and 2.4 Mbytes of disk sells for \$63,020 with the 5213 printer and without any program products. The 300 with an 8K memory and a 2.1 Mbyte disk sells for \$23,900, with Basic.

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Deliveries of the systems should begin in July, and Basic/Four is quoting delivery times of 60 to 90 days. Basic/Four Corp. is at 1335 S. Claudina St., 92801

## **IBM Timings Show 3330 Disks** Best Suited for Large Files

**By Michael Merritt** CW Staff Writer

LIDINGO, Sweden - Using 3330 disk file may enable users to run programs in one-third the time now required with 2314s, or it may save them practically no time at all, depending on the size of the data set being processed.

For large amounts of data with long individual records, the 3330 is a winner. For small jobs, its extra power is wasted.

These conclusions can be made from a manual of program timings calculated by the IBM Nordic Laboratory and confirmed empirically on actual machines in San Jose. The calculations are for the sorting half of a sort/merge program, IBM's 5734-SM-1.

The estimates are for 360/30s, 40s, 50s, 55s, 75s, and for the 370/155, and include figures for different memory sizes for these machines. There are timings for execution using the 2400 and 2420 tape drives, and the 2311 and 2314 disks. Only the timings for the 155 include figures for the 3330.

One interesting conclusion of the timings is that more equipment does not ean faster execution at all. The more memory devices that have to be used as work areas, the longer it takes to do the sort. In one case, for example, using four 3330s means an execution time of 6.2 minutes; if you have to use eight, the time goes up to 7.6 minutes.

Because of this, one 2311 can often give users execution times equal to those achieved by using four 3330s, and in one case, at least, faster than those gained by using four 2314s. This condition applies only to small data sets of short records -in this case a total of 2,000 records 20 characters long.

When it comes to large amounts of data, though, the 3330 is clearly superior. With a record size of 500 characters, and a data set of 25,000 records, four 2311s take 24 minutes to do the sort, four 2314s take 17 minutes, and four 3330s do it in 10 minutes, on a 155 with 44K.

On a 155 with 200K, the same sort takes four 2311s 11 minutes, four 2314s 6.5 minutes, and four 3330s 3.6 minutes. The largest amount of data four 2311s manage on this computer is 42,000 500-character sets, while four 2314s can handle up to 168,000 of them, and four 3330s almost 600,000.

In the largest sort in the tables, again on a 155 with 200K, six 3330s sorted 300,000, 500 character fields in 49 minutes; six 2314s took 156 minutes (over three times as long) to do the same job.

The 103 pages of timings cover a number of different equipment combinations, and include calculated maximum data set size. The calculations are based on the assumption that records in the input data set are in random order. The manual is available from IBM branch offices.

## Terminals Undersell IBM by 10%

HAWTHORNE, Calif. - The ADI 760 line of CRT communications terminals from Acme-Divac Industries can operate in a stand-alone mode, relying on their internal memory, or in a cluster mode replacing IBM's 2260/2848 system at a price about 10% lower than IBM's, depending on configuration.

The displays are available with 32-to 80-char/line and from 4- to 30 line/display. They communicate in half or full duplex from 75 bit/sec to 9,600 bit/sec in synchronous or asynchronous serial, or up to 15,000 char/sec in parallel. Standard character generation is 64

character Ascii. A 9 by 14 filled stroke matrix provides perfectly formed characters, the company said.

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capability, split screen, remote displays,

lower case, blink, magnetic tape and hard copy output, and a polling interface for remote 360 compatibility.

The 740 requires no changes in standard or Qtam software, according to the

There are 27 varieties of terminals, depending on display configuration. Pur-chase prices for non-volume orders range from \$1,900 for a 4 by 32 display, to \$3,900 for a 30 by 80 display. The 730 polling controller price ranges from \$3,000 for a four terminal unit to \$4,200 for 16 terminals.

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The 80 column version sells for \$18,000 and the 132 column model for \$22,000. Interfaces to computers cost about \$4,000. The Path 1200 is made by Uppster Corp., 73 Southfield Ave. Corp., 73 Southfield Ave., 06902.

on a one-year lease. Reports cost 30 cents per statement and 25 cents for each nsurance form.

Computer Terminal Corp. rents a 2K Datapoint 2200 for \$148/mo.

Installations of the system have already begun. Executive is at 805 S. San Fernan-

## Wabash Disk Control Designed for PDP-8e

PHOENIX, Ariz. - A disk memory controller from Wabash Computer Corp. is designed specifically for the DEC PDP-8e.

The Model DMC-600/8e handles up to four disk memories and offers plug-toplug compatible interfacing. The interface board requires one slot in the Omnibus and provides a one-cycle data break and bus signal buffering for signals to the controller.

The controller is designed to facilitate modular expansion of on-line memory using the firm's Disc Memo series. It operates at a bit rate from 1.9 to 2.34 MHz. Control is provided for up to 40 Mbits of on-line storage.

The unit costs \$2,700 and is available in

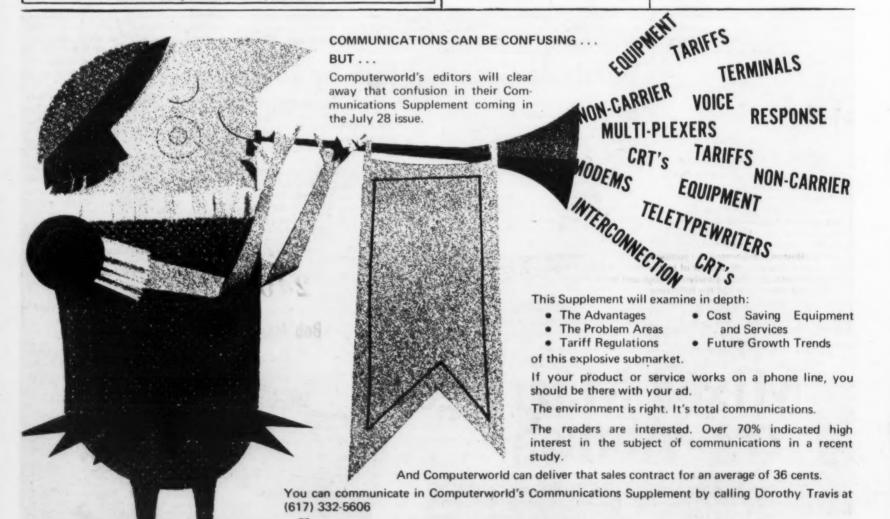
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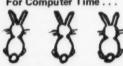
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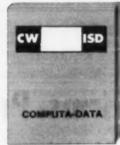
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The Store 50 system, to be announced in January, is designed for main memory applications between the firm's Store 33 unit and large core storage devices. The unit will take advantage of the low power needs of

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Core Memories is also reported to be working with 12-mil cores for future 2-wire applications.

#### IBM Motor Earns U.S. Patent

SAN JOSE, Calif. – A moving coil motor used with the IBM 3330 disk drive has earned a patent and a \$6,000 IBM Outstanding Invention Award for two of the company's engineers.

The motor provides positioning and servo control of read/write heads in the unit. Most previous IBM disk products use hydraulic techniques to position heads. U.S. Patent 3,576,454 was assigned to IBM by inventors Robert J. Black and Laurence R. Beach, Jr.

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The total process control market will be valued at a shade over \$2 billion in 1978, the study shows, up from just under \$1 billion in 1968. During the same time the computer portion of process control systems will rise from \$91 million to \$370 million in value.

#### Mini Use Up

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## Computer Lessors Plan Legal Moves In IBM Struggle

CW Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Computer lessors are moving into the legal arena in their battle with IBM, which in the past has featured aggressive advertising, much talk, and studies of how to keep leased 360 equipment in the field in spite of the 370 threat.

The Computer Lessors Association has established a legal action committee "in response to IBM's recent marketing tactics, which appear to raise anti-trust questions," according to James F. Benton, executive director.

The first move of the new committee, headed by John Randolph, Randolph Computer Corp. chairman, was the filing of an amicus curiae brief in the U.S. District Court in Minneapolis in support of the Greyhound Computer Corp. application for an early trial date in its suit against IBM.

Future plans call for the committee to work with the U.S. Justice Department and others who have filed antitrust suits against IBM. In addition, it will consider legal action to protect the interests of its member companies.

trade with mainland China to take up some of the slack in the domestic market, had better take another look.

While most minicomputers can be offered in configurations under the 2,048 bit maximum memory most usually given as the limiting factor for general trade license for shipments for China, there are several other limitations that come into

For example, according to regulation 714.5 of the Export Control Act, American firms could not export - without special license - "digital computers and statistical machines used in conjunction with punched cards or tape operated by or more common control units, and capable of all of the following:

"A) Accepting, storing, processing, and producing an output in numerical or alphabetical form;

"B) Storing more than 512 numerical or alphabetical character or having a memory of more than 2,048 bits;

"C) Performing a stored sequence of operations that are modifiable by means other than a physical change in circuitry

"D) Selecting a sequence from a plur-ality of stored operations based on data or internally compiled results.'

Even stripped down systems, that could be expanded to larger memory sizes would be barred from trade.

In addition, the Export Control Office said that memory modules would not be an item that could be traded under the general classification.

#### Power Use Down

The electrical power industry accounted for the largest portion of the sales in 1968 with 25% but will only account for 15% of the market in 1978, according to the study.

Close competitors in terms of the percent of the market will include the metals industry and the petroleum industry, followed by paper; stone, clay and glass firms; and the oil and gas companies.



## 145 Delivered

The first delivery of the first IBM computer to use all monolithic memory — the 370/145 — has arrived on the Stanford University campus almost 7 weeks ahead of scheduled installation. The system will be used in Project Info, a system designed to streamline university administrative decision making. IBM claims to have run 25,000 hours of

#### **Western Firms Predicting** Better

By E. Drake Lundell Jr.

CW Computer Industry Editor

The view from the West Coast is definitely up in sharp contrast to the same period a year ago when "gloom and doom" talk pervaded most discussions in

Texas and California industrial centers.

And the view of the OEM houses is especially bullish now that at least a mini-rally appears to be underway in the

At Ampex's Computer Products Group – where they have recorded a profit in each of the last 18 quarters even though the overall company has not done so well – the OEM business bottomed out in the second quarter of last year.

The firm, however, expects the full 1972 fiscal year to show a 20% to 25% rise in OEM sales over fiscal 1971, even this rise will only bring the OEM side of the house to a point that will be 5% to 10% greater than the volume registered in fiscal 1970, showing the deep 1971 drop.

At Pertec, which used to be Peripheral Equipment Corp. (PEC) but is now a holding company for PEC and other firms, traditional OEM customers are

## On The Road

coming back into the market, according Stuart P. Mabond, executive vicepresident. The firm wasn't hurt by the slump in traditional customers last year because the boom in the key to disk business took up the slack caused by a slowdown of orders in other areas.

The key to disk market was also a ignificant contributor to Century Data Systems' OEM business in the past year, according to Marketing Manager William Sewalk.

At the same time, Sewalk said that while there has been some pickup in the OEM business, the "overall market is not coming back" and that the number of disk drives sold is not on the increase.

There should not be any significant the change in the business before the end of the year or beginning of next year, he said. Sewalk indicated that many of the traditional OEM customers have let their inventories shrink in order to save money during the tight money times, and that it is now a question of "how long people cannot spend before severe limitations set

According to Eugene Prince, Ampex Computer Products vice-president and general manager, the main action now in the OEM field is in core stacks, which picked up first, reflecting improvements in the minicomputer area.

Behind the core stack business, at least at Ampex, the major area of the OEM market showing a turnaround is in the low performance tape drive area, especially the cassette area, which Prince estimates was delayed about a year due to

the recession. The third area showing improvement, Prince said, is new core systems products.

## **IBM Replays Tape Tests**

gineers are using the instant replay technique developed for television sports coverage to test computer tape units produced

#### Railroads Add Seven Systems in Six Months

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The number of computers in use by American railroads increased from 243 to 250 in the first six months of 1971, according to the Association of American Railroads here.

IBM led with 94% of the total installations, RCA (6.5%), followed by Univac (3.7%) and GE (3.5%). Other manufacturers with installations in the field included Collins, Honeywell and NCR, in that order.

by the firm's laboratories here.

During a test, the tape subsystem is linked to a video disk recorder through a transient events analyzer. If the analyzer detects an error, it interrupts the data flow from the subsystem and stops the video recorder, erserving on disk the signals as they appeared during the error condition.

On command, the captured waveforms are replayed repetitively into a storage oscilloscope. A parallel timing track is used to synchronize the signals during playback and to compensate for variations in disk velocity.

In the system, the revolving video disk utilizies destructive writing to retain several milliseconds of signal patterns on as many as 32 channels, the engineers said.

## Expansions

A \$1.5-million data processing center serving financial institu-tions in the northern New Jersey, New York and Philadelphia areas has begun operations in Princeton, N.J.

Called the NCR Metropolitan Data Center, the new facility is NCR's 11th data center in the U.S. and Canada.

The newest center is located in a recently completed 20,000-sq ft building on a 5-acre site on the Old Trenton Road.

Surety Life Insurance Co., Salt Lake City, Utah, formed a separate computer division - Surety Computer Services - for systems consulting, contract programming and machine time services.

Extrex, Inc. has moved to new headquarters at 168 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, Mass. The 30,000 sq ft facility will house

administrative, corporate manufacturing operations.

Control Data Corp. has opened a new DP center at 700 Penn Center Blvd., in the Monroeville area of Pittsburgh.

Ovonic Memories, Inc. has moved to its new 25,000 sq ft facility adjacent to Los Angeles International Airport.

Cincom Systems, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, has opened sales-service offices in Palo Alto, Calif. and Toronto, Canada.

General Electric Co. expanded its international time-sharing services network to Puerto Rico.

A new data center has been established in Mount Laurel In-dustrial Park near Philadelphia by the Data Services Division of GTE Information Systems Inc.

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## Litton ABS Serial Printer, Card Reader Designed for OEM Use

CARLSTADT, N.J. – Litton Automated Business Systems has announced its Model 34 serial impact printer and the Model 64 optical card reader.

Model 64 optical card reader.

The Model 34 operates at up to 35 char/sec using an interchangeable 96 character Ascii code moving print wheel.

The printer has up to 192 print posi-

# New OEM Products

tions and tabs at 350 char/sec or 35 in./sec in either direction. The printer has half line as well as full line spacing.

Model 34 is available without keyboard for \$2,200; control electronics cost \$995 and the separate numeric keyboard costs \$340.

The optical card reader reads pencil and pen marks, black printed marks, keystroke edge notching and Hollerith or other punched holes, singly or mixed on one card. Its speed is 2 card/sec with automatic demand feed of variable length documents from 3-1/4- to 8-1/2 in. wide and from 9-1/2- to 10-1/8 in. long.

Model 64 features an internally stored program and has two output stackers. The 64 interfaces to teletypewriters, magnetic tape, communications terminals, printer, Litton ABS/124 computer and 029 keypunch.

Single unit price is \$6,400 from the firm at 600 Washington Ave., 07072.

#### Mark-Space Shows Punch/Reader

IRVINE, Calif. — Plug-in ASR capability for EIA RS232C interface and 103A compatible hard copy and CRT remote data terminals, switch selectable speeds and editing capability are features of the MSD 300 P/R paper tape punch and reader from Mark-Space Devices, Inc.

The 300 has send and receive speeds of 10, 15 and 30 char/sec, switch selectable, with full- and half-duplex operation.

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The firm is at 17835 Sky Park Circle
P.O. Box 4260, 92664.

#### Unisem 1,024 by 1 RAM Out

TREVOSE, Pa. — A new 1,024 by 1 dynamic MOS RAM from Unisem operates over the -55° to 125° C MIL temperature range. The Unisem device is made with a technique that combines low-threshold, 1-0-0 lattice, P-channel enhancement technology with special N+"channel stoppers" that provide field-inversion protection.

The device is fully decoded and features static-charge protection on all inputs. Access time is 250 nsec.

The firm is at P.O. Box 11569, 19116.

#### Displaytek Has Thermal Print Head

DALLAS — A thermal print head featuring silent operation has been developed by Displaytek Corp. The DC-1157 also features drive circuits and printing elements integrated on a single silicon chip and can incorporate decode circuitry in the same package.

the same package.

The unit has a silicon-integrated circuit with a five by seven matrix of dots formed by semiconductor elements. The dots can be heated in patterns to form any of the 96 standard Ascii code characters. The dots require only 4 to 10 msec to heat, and can achieve a print rate of up to 60 char/sec.

The print head operates from 16 V, and each dot requires an average current of 100 mA.

Prices on the DC-1157 range from \$50 to \$65 apiece for annual quantities of 500 to 1000 units to \$20 to \$30 apiece for annual quantities of 10,000 or more from the company at 4241 Sigma Road.

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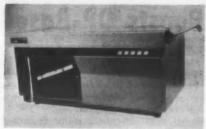
SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Pioneer Magnetics' light-weight power supply is de-

signed for small to medium size computer systems and peripherals.

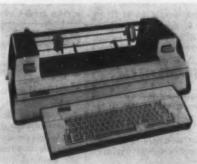
The standard unit operates over an input voltage range of 105-135 Vac, 47 to 2000 Hz, and is available with output voltages from 4- to 50 Vdc and output currents to 60 A. Operation is independent of input power frequency, according to the firm at 1745 Berkeley St., 90404.

#### MOS Encoded Keyboards Bow

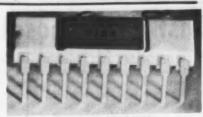
KIMBALL, Neb. — MOS encoded keyboards with standard 47-, 56- and 73-key configurations from George Risk Industries, Inc. include Ascii 9 bits plus strobe, odd and even parity, electronic lockout, quad mode of operation and TTL/DTL compatibility. The 47-key unit, Model 647, will sell for about \$88 in quantities from the firm at P.O. Box 1035, 69145.



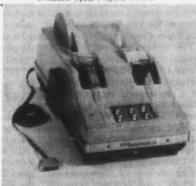
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## Fastran Proposal Boosts DP-Based Security Clearance

puter-based securities clearance received another boost recently when Robert R. Maller proposed a Fast and Safe Security Transaction System (Fastran) in testimony here before the Securities and Exchange Commission Conference on the Future Role of the Stock Certificate.

The system proposed by the senior vice-president of the U.S. Trust Co. would employ a dual network of integrated computers in a three level hierarchy and would be established as a fed-erally incorporated bank financed by capital subscription of all brokers, dealers, banks and other institutions.

"The top of the computer hierarchy serving 12 regions would include a pair of large, or major, computers, operating in parallel tional and historical records that should be kept within the sys-

"Purchases and sales would continue to be carried out through normal channels – the exchanges, over the counter, third markets, etc. Each party to transaction would enter it on the nearest terminal, with proper indentification. The trade would

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communicated to the minimum level possible.

"It both parties to the trade were within a single zone, the zone computers would perform the comparisons; trades within a region would be handled on a

regional basis; trades between two regions would be compared and verified by the primary level computers," Maller said.

'The network would be used to verify the holdings to the on-line records of the transfer agent. In the event of a difference, after the extension of each of the trades and an attempt at

comparison, an exception mes sage would be communicated to both parties.

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NEW YORK - The two most significant and attractive areas for investment in the 1970s will be the specialized data communications common carriers and the hospital industry, especially data processing for hospital applications, according to A. Brean Murray, president of Coenen &

"If you put the hospital mar-ket and data communications together, they represent 10% of the GNP - hospital care is 6%

#### National CSS Shows Three-Month Profit

STAMFORD, Conn. - National CSS, Inc.'s revenues during the first three-months amounted to \$2.5 million, up 74% over \$1.5 million of the same period a year earlier.

Pretax profits reached \$98,026 of 9 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$663,379 in the same period a year earlier.

and data communications is 4% - and there will be some unusual investment oppor-tunities available in this field," he said.

Presently, Murray said, "we are experiencing an important change in these industries, and this change is being brought about by the emergence of the specialized common carriers.

"For example, I suspect the most exciting area of hospital information systems will be the shared systems. These will expand rapidly because of the in-fluence of Medicare.

"Up until now, most of the hospitals in the country have been run on a very antiquated basis by non-professional management which has not properly identified costs," Murray con-

"But the government will no longer accept just a simple bill. It will want to see a breakdown in costs and that is where shared systems will be needed," he said.

## Nickels & Dimes

IBM's done it again - the egular quarterly cash diviregular dend of \$1.30 per share of common stock will be pay-able Sept. 10 to holders of record Aug. 12.

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Business is good in educa-tion — at least for Advanced Systems, Inc. which doubled last year's totals in the fiscal year ended March 31. The totals were income of \$436,577 (71 cents a share) on revenues of \$2.8 million in the latest year. At the end of the year there were more the year there were more than 800 customers for the firm's video tape training courses in DP.

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Merger announcements in the second quarter reached 1,039, down 21% from the same period in 1970, according to W.T. Grimm & Co. For the first six months the total (2,189) was off 19%. There vas a substantial increase in the sales of divisions, however, especially in the computer service area, where 60% of the transactions were spinoffs and divestments.

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Data 100 Corp. has made three moves in the financial arena. First, it has announced agreement whereby Chandler Leasing Division of Pepsico. Leasing Corp. will finance \$16.5 million in equipment during 1971 and 1972, with Heizer Corp. guaranteeing the risk of owning the equipment in exchange for a 7-year warrant to pur-chase 420,214 common shares and other considera-tions. Secondly, the firm Secondly, the firm completed a long term debt and equity financing totaling \$4.2 million with a group of institutional investors. And finally, the firm and a group of three banks extended a \$2 million revolving credit agre ment by one year to July 31, 1972

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American Regital Corp. plans a private placement of up to 250,000 shares of common stock at \$6 per share. If all shares are sold there will be 696,105 shares outstanding. The firm had a loss of \$800,000 in the fiscal year ended April 30 on revenues of around \$300,000.

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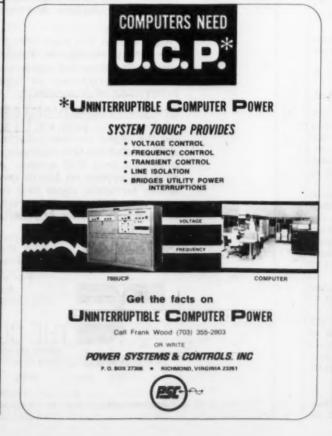
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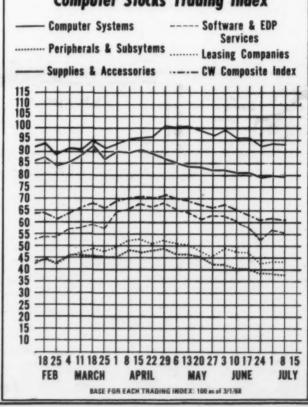
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	COM	PUTER SY	STEMS		
22022	BURROUGHS CORP COLLINS RADIO CONTROL DATA CORP DATA GENERAL CORP DIGITAL EQUIPMENT ELECTRONIC ASSOC.	105-138 13- 20 48- 83 19- 49 53- 85 5- 9	12 7/8 59 1/8 48 3/4 78 1/2	+1	-6.3 -3.0 +2.7
ANONN	ELECTRONIC ENGINEER. FOXBORO GENERAL AUTOMATION GENERAL ELECTRIC HEWLETT-PACKARD CO HONEYWELL INC	11- 26	44 1/4 13 61 1/2 40 1/2	0 0 0 + 5/8 + 1/2	
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22222	SPERRY RAND SYSTEMS ENG. LABS VARIAN ASSOCIATES VICTOR COMPTOMETER WANG LABS. XEROX CORP	25- 38 10- 18 13- 18 15- 27 29- 50 85-119	42 1/2	0 + 3/4	0.0
	LEAS	ING COMP	INTES		
ADDANO	COMPUTER EXCHANGE	13- 27 2- 4 4- 9 8- 14 11- 19 2- 4	19 5/3 3 1/8 4 3/4 11 3/4 13 7/8 2 1/2	+ 1/8 + 1/8 0 +1 1/2 + 3/8	+0.6 +4.1 0.0 +14.6 +2.7 0.0
-	DEARBORN-STORM DIEBOLD COMP. LEAS. DPA, INC. GRANITE MGT GREYHOUND COMPUTER LEASCO CORP	24- 44 5- 13 4- 8 8- 13 7- 11 16- 23	41 3/4 9 1/2 7 1/4 8 3/8	+ 5/8 - 1/4 + 1/8 - 1/4 0 - 3/8	+1.5 -2.5 +1.7 -2.8 0.0
0 A O O O N	LECTRO MGT INC LEVIN-TOWNSEND CMP LMC DATA, INC. NCC INDUSTRIES SYSTEMS CAPITAL U.S. LEASING	2- 5 5- 9 1- 1 3- 8 3- 7 16- 30	2 7/8 5 3/4 3/4 7 3/4 6 7/8	+ 1/8 - 3/8	+4.5 -6.1 0.0 0.0 +3.7 +2.5
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## Earnings Reports

ON-LINE SYSTEMS

	1971	1970
Shr Ernd	\$.60	\$.49
Revenue	2,465,754	1,588,418
Earnings	269,660	218,146

NCS COMPUTING

Ye	ar Ended Marc	n 31
	1971	. 1970
Shr Ernd		
(Loss)	\$.54	\$(.20)
Revenue	2,433,274	2,284,559
Loss	a1,393,327	500,929
3 Mo Shr		
(Loss)	.01	(.04)
Revenue	758,189	609,281
Earnings		
(I nee)	36 568	(107 448)

(Loss) 36,568 (107,448) a-Includes losses of \$351,250 from re-evaluation in December 1970 of computer and communications equipment leased to others, a charge to income of \$80,000 for additional provisions for doubtful accounts, and losses of \$385,640 related to discontinued operations.

DATATRON PROCESSING

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	1971	1970
Shr Ernd	\$.02	\$.09
Revenue	3,298,992	3,779,667
Earnings	106,093	503,032

SIMPLICITY COMPUTER Six Months Ended April 30

ı		1971	1970
ı	Shr Ernd	\$.13	\$.07
Į	Revenue	961,100	263,124
I	Earnings	60,100	32,120

PROGRAMMING METHODS Three Months Ended March 31 1971 1970

Shr Ernd \$.19 \$.14 Revenue 2,416,439 1,281,538 Earnings 168,672 122,121

DIGITRONICS Year Ended March 31 1971 1970

Shr Ernd
Revenue \$16,625,601 17,558,917
Spec Item \$6,300,000 b334,715
Earnings (Loss) (8,826,925) c642,446 a-Based on income before special credit. c-Equal to 22 cents a share, d-Debit; from discontinued operations, b-Credit; tax benefits.

NAT'L DATA COMMUNICATIONS
Six Months Ended April 30
1971
1970

Shr Ernd \$.20 \$2.336,911 \$2.00 \$2.336,911 \$2.00 \$2.336,911 \$2.00 \$2.336,911 \$2.00 \$2

DATA INSTRUMENTS
Three Months Ended March 31
1971
1970
Revenue \$229,388 a
Loss 569,415 \$461,721 Loss 569,415 \$461,721 a-Reporting of income from sale deferred pending completion of acceptance period.

Year Ended April 30

1971 1970

Shr Ernd a\$.01

Revenue 678,438 \$449,869

Earnings (Loss) b7

Earnings (Loss) b7,413 (100,032) a-Based on income before tax credit. b-Equal to one cent a share.

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